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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1 FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, External Branch
Classification Review Division, OIS/DA

25X1 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Records at Truman Library

1. Mr. James Fuchs called from the Truman Library at 1145, Friday, 9 August, in response to my telephone request of the previous afternoon.

2. The Truman Library has the original citation of 9 April 1948 (slightly different date than in Congressman Crane's letter to the DCI) for the posthumous award of the Legion of Merit to General M. There are also an approval letter from Secretary of the Army Royals to the Secretary of State (probably Marshall at this time), and a letter from State's Protocol Chief Stanley Woodward to White House staffer Connolly (possibly I've got the jobs switched) saying that there was no name and relationship for the person to whom the posthumous award would be presented "at this time." These documents are being sent to [REDACTED] There is no document tracing how the Administration came to decide on the award. The citation mentions both the rescue of Allied airmen, and the fact that the undersupplied struggle of his forces contributed to the Allied cause. [REDACTED]

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3. State had requested that the award be classified CONFIDENTIAL (Tito was breaking with Stalin about this time!). The documents were declassified in 1975-76.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] was captured by the Partisans in March 1946 and shot on 17 July 1946.

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